

*H. Great Britain,
Commons. H. 11.
1794*

The BILL, permitting the Jews to be Naturalized by Parliament, having been misrepresented in the London Gazetteer, of Friday the 18th May; and probably having never been read either by the Author of that Paper, or by several others who have since signed a Petition, which that Paper was calculated to support: To remove those false Impressions, the following short, but true, State of Facts is submitted to the Consideration of the Public.

IN 1610, an Act of Parliament passed, requiring Persons, who should apply to be Naturalized, to take the Sacrament, and the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy—The Objects of this Law, at the time it was made, were the Roman Catholics—there were no Jews at that time in England.

All that is intended by the present Bill, is a *partial* Repeal of this Law, with respect to the Jews; and, for that Purpose, the Bill Enacts, That the Parliament may, if they think proper, Naturalize Jews, without their taking the Sacrament.

This Provision goes *only* to Jews born abroad; all Jews born here are, to every Intent, natural-born Subjects; and, as such, without the Aid of this Bill, have, at this time, as they had Five hundred Years ago, a Right by Law to purchase real Estates, to them and their Heirs, in like manner as any other Subject—This will not be disputed—The public Records from King Henry II. prove it beyond a Doubt.

As therefore the Bill gives to the Jew, to be Naturalized, no new or greater Privileges than what every Jew born in England, at present, by Law enjoys, it seems hard to assign a good Reason, why



why the Parliament may not be safely intrusted with the Power of Naturalizing foreign *Jews*, if they shall think proper.

This is all the Bill does in favour of the *Jews*; but it goes farther, and, *per Contra*, abridges the natural Right of every *Jew* born here; for the Bill very prudently declares *all Jews*, for the future, incapable of purchasing, or inheriting, any Advowsons, or Rights of Patronage, or Presentation to any Benefice, Prebend, or other Ecclesiastical Living or Promotion, School, Hospital, or Donative.

What is proposed by the former Part of the Bill, is not *new*; it being less than what has been done by the Legislature on several former Occasions, without any Clamour made against it, or any bad Effects attending it.

In 1740, an Act passed, in Consequence whereof several Hundred *Jews*, who have resided Seven Years in the *American Colonies*, or who served as Mariners, during the War, Two Years in *British Ships*, are become natural-born Subjects of *Great Britain*, without taking the Sacrament.

It is the Spirit and Intention, and, I make no doubt, it will be the certain Consequence and Effects, of the present Bill, to encourage rich *Jews*, who live in foreign Countries, to remove, with their Substance, and settle here, instead of *France* or *Holland*.

In thus Naturalizing foreign *Jews*, we do what the Prudence of the *French Nation* hath done for more than two Centuries; with this only Difference, that the *French* extend it to all that come, to the Poor equally with the Rich, without Distinction: Whereas the Object of the present Bill is confined to Persons of Substance and Property only.

Henry II. of *France*, in 1550, by his Letters Patents, declared the *Jews* capable to purchase, inherit, and enjoy, real Estates in *France*, *comme de vrais Regnicoles, et Sujets de Roi*. *Henry III.* in 1574, *Louis XIV.* in 1656, and *Louis XV.* in 1723, and 1728, renewed and confirmed this Privilege, *sans que les Juifs soient tenus de prendre aucunes Lettres de Naturalité*.

The Share Foreigners, and, among them, the *Jews*, have in the public Debt of this Kingdom, is very considerable; the Dividends whereof are either annually remitted to Foreigners abroad, who contribute nothing to the Expence of this Government, or are laid out in increasing their Mortgage upon us—Good Policy, therefore, directs us to put every honest and prudent

dent Expedient in Practice, that may induce or allure the foreign Proprietors of this large Debt to follow their Property, and expend the Dividends and Income of it here.

There are other Considerations, that make the Naturalization of *Jews* preferable to that of most other Foreigners—Such as, their supporting their own Poor; their having no Country of their own to retire to, after acquiring Estates here, or in favour of which they might be induced to carry on their Trade, under the Umbrage of Naturalization.

Under these Circumstances, when a small Part only of the Traders of this great Metropolis (and many of them, probably, through Mistake, Imposition, or Misrepresentation) have been prevailed on to sign a Petition to Parliament, against the Bill in Question, it must be decisive as to the Point—*What is the Opinion and Judgment of Merchants and Traders in general concerning the Utility of the Bill*—when it shall appear, that the Petitions in favour of the Bill are signed by the greatest Number of the most eminent and extensive Merchants, Traders, and Manufacturers, that hath been known on any former Occasion; and the Reasons they give why they hope the Bill may pass, are, ‘ That it will encourage Persons of Wealth and Substance to remove, with their Effects, from foreign Parts into this Kingdom; the greatest Part of which, agreeable to the Experience of former Times, will be employed by them in foreign Trade and Commerce, in increasing the Shipping, and encouraging the Exportation of the Woollen and other Manufactures of this Kingdom; of which the *Jews* have, for many Years, exported great Quantities.’

Five Plates of Records relating to the Jews.

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Hibern. sale

J. 23. Jan. a. r. 25.

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J. 27. Dec. a. r. 25.

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de Hibern. sale

J. 2. Marc. a. r. 26.

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Hibern. sale

J. 20. Oct. a. r. 26.

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J. 8. Dec. a. r. 26.

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J. 12. Jul. a. r. 28.

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Hibern. sale

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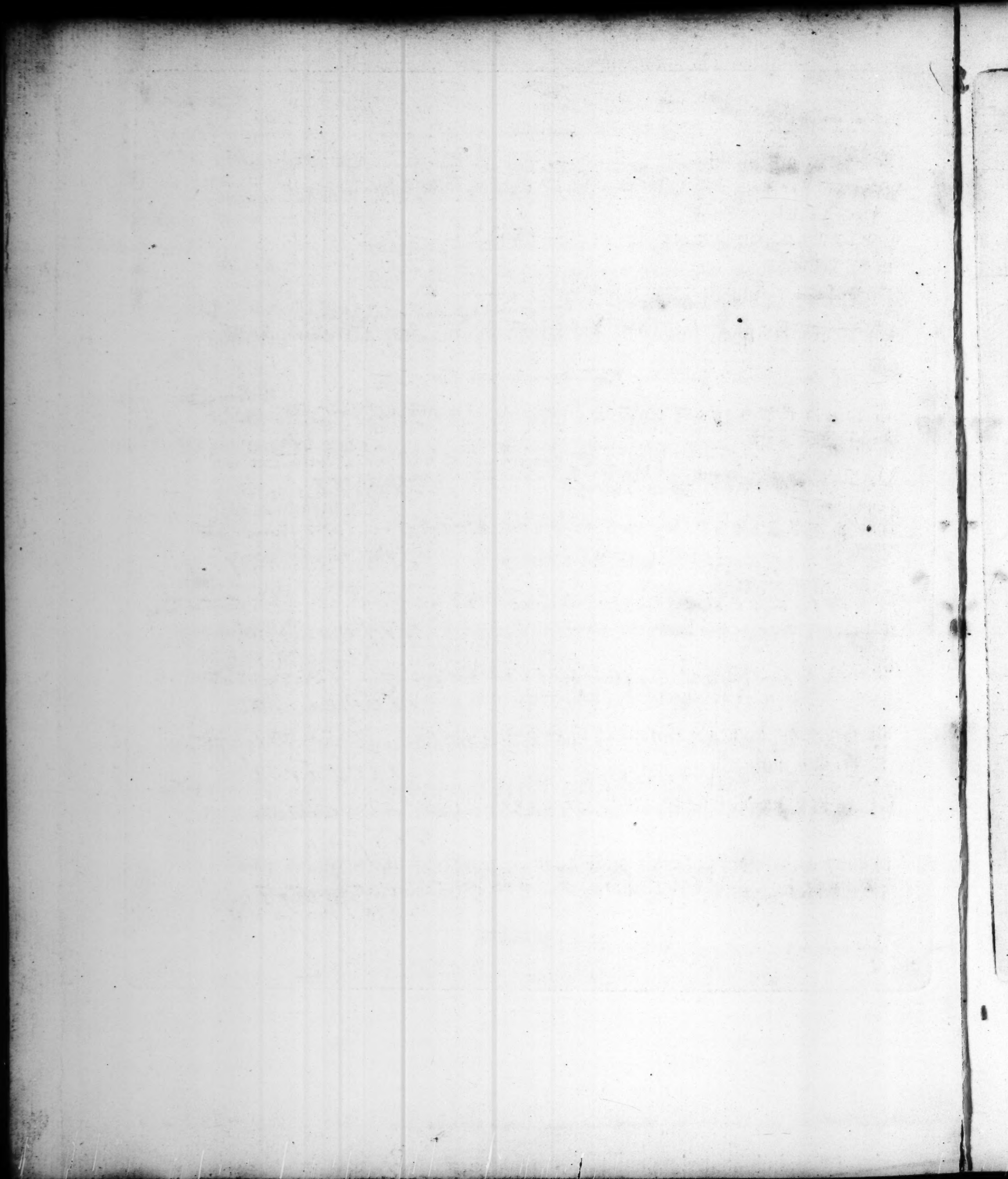
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J. 3. Aug. a. r. 35.

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Hibern. sale

J. 2. Mar. a. r. 35.



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J. 5. Marc. a. r. 35.

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J. 6. Novembr. a. r. 36.

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J. 19. Decembr. a. r. 36.

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J. 17. Decembr. a. r. 36.

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J. 27. Nov. a. r. 36.

h. de gra. & Cyr. xpianus & Judas. Ebor. salm.

J. 27. Feb. a. r. 36.

h. de gra. Rex Ang. & Cyr. xpianus & Judas. Ebor. salm.

J. 27. Oct. a. r. 37.

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J. 7. Oct. a. r. 39.

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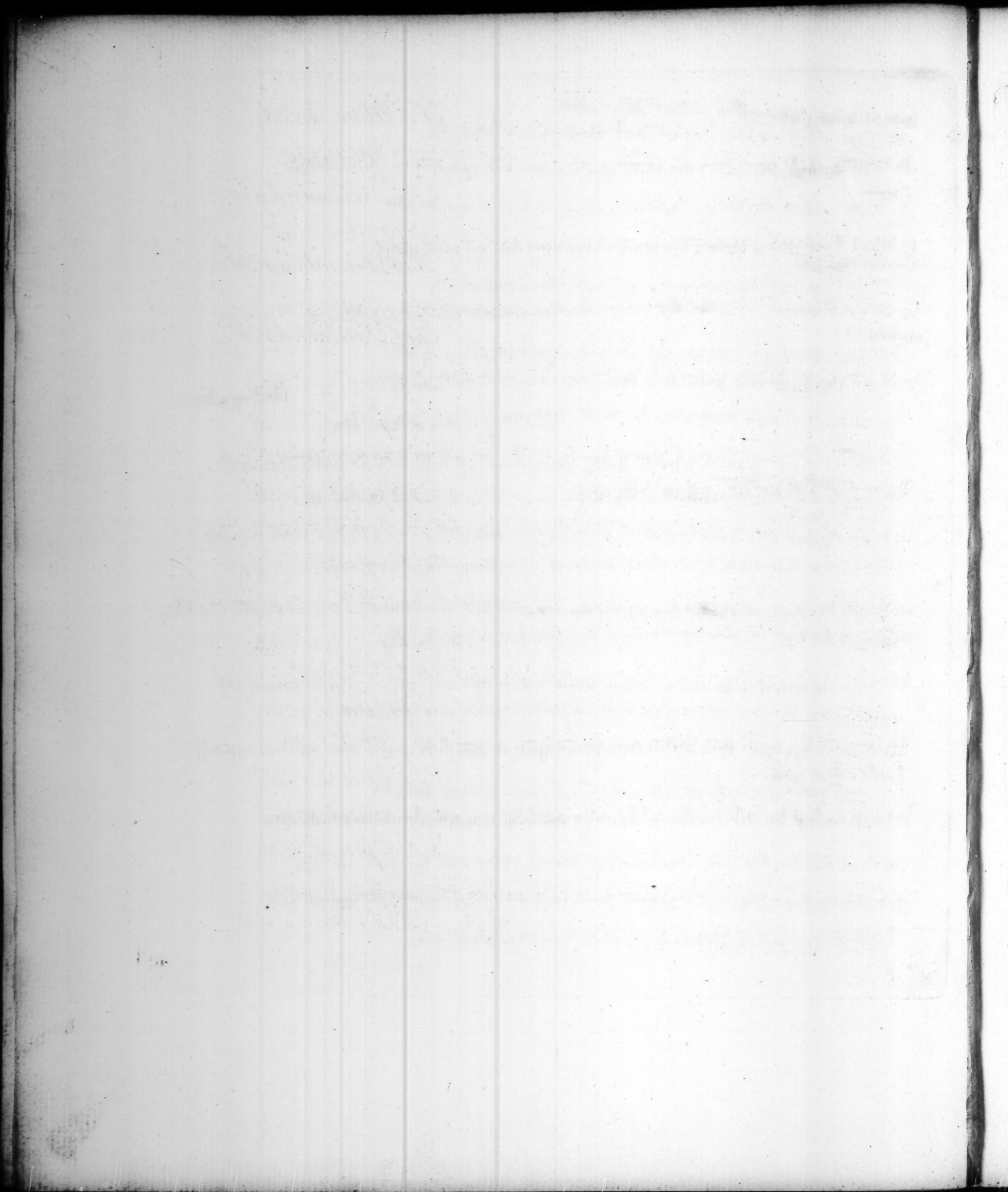
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J. 28. Marc. a. r. 41.



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I. 29.º Sept. a.º r. 45.º

B. de gra rex Angl. dñs hñz & dñx aquæ cyp xpianis & iudis E. p. bñc salm.
I. 28.º April. a.º r. 45.º

B. de gra rex Angl. dñs hñz & dñx aquæ cyp xpianis & iudis E. p. bñc salm.
I. 3.º Decembr. a.º r. 45.º

LA. de gra rex Angl. dñs hñz & dñx aquæ cyp xpianis & iudis E. p. bñc salm.
I. 22.º Maij. a.º r. 45.º

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I. 18.º Jan. a.º r. 46.º

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I. 7.º Maij. a.º r. 49.º

B. de gra rex Angl. dñs hñz & dñx aquæ cyp xpianis & iudis E. p. bñc salm.
I. 2.º Jul. a.º r. 50.º

LA. de gra rex Angl. dñs hñz & dñx aquæ cyp xpianis & iudis E. p. bñc salm.
I. 13.º Oct. a.º r. 50.º

B. de gra rex Angl. dñs hñz & dñx aquæ cyp xpianis & iudis E. p. bñc salm.
I. 27.º Jul. a.º r. 50.º

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I. 7.º Decembr. a.º r. 51.º

B. de gra rex Angl. dñs hñz & dñx aquæ cyp xpianis & iudis E. p. bñc salm.
I. 22.º Jan. a.º r. 51.º

LA. de gra rex Angl. dñs hñz & dñx aquæ cyp xpianis & iudis E. p. bñc salm.
I. 15.º Jan. a.º r. 52.º

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T. 17. Junij a. r. 54.

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T. 15. Feb. a. r. 54.

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T. 26. Julij a. r. 56.

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T. 6. Marc. a. r. primo.

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T. 3. Maj. a. r. 2.

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T. 15. Julij a. r. 2.

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T. 8. Decembr. a. r. 3.

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T. 3. Junij a. r. 6.

Edm'dus dei gra Rex Angl. Dns Britan. & Dux Aquit. Epus xpianis & iudeis arch Epus Eborac' salutem.

T. 1. Feb. a. r. 6.

1870

My dear Sir,

I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the matter of the

and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours,
J. H. [Name]

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